

**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Sustainability Study – Meeting # 2**  
**McAdam Avenue School**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday, October 25, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Council Members Present:**

- Andy Saunders – SD 02
- Heather Hogan – SD 03
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- Stephanie Haslam – SD 06
- Terry Pond – SD 07
- Sean Winslow – SD 08
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair
- Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Chair

**Council Member Regrets:**

- Tanya Adams – SD 01
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Wallace Carr – SD 12
- Mark Noël – SD 13
- David Perley – First Nations

**ASD-W Staff Present:**

- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC
- Wayne Annis, Director of Schools – FEC
- Judy Cole, Director of Communication
- Sue Young, Supervisor of Data and Accountability
- Wendell Dempsey, IT Support

**Guests:**

Approximately 20 Community Members

➤ **Sustainability Study – McAdam Avenue School – Meeting #2**

- Kimberley Douglass, District Education Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the second public meeting for McAdam Avenue School Sustainability Study. The District Education Council (DEC) introduced themselves and they provided the area in which they serve as a Councilor.
- H. Rennke, Home and School Chairperson provided a video of McAdam Avenue School students sharing what they like about their school community. This video is titled, “What Makes McAdam Avenue School Special”. The Chairperson reflected on the privileges of being a small school where the atmosphere is that of a close community. When activities and special events occur, the whole school participates. The beautiful playground space was acknowledged and the comments made by students where there was no bullying at their school was highlighted. The Chairperson asked the council to consider keeping the school status quo as they love their school.
- K. Ranson, PSSC Chairperson, provided a power point presentation called “Parent Response”. The Chairperson reflected on the timeframe not being sufficient from the beginning of the announcement to public meeting #2. A request was made for Councilors to think outside of the “Policy 409 Box” with consideration given to re-zoning of students, add the French Immersion Program and change the grade configuration.
- N. Nickerson read correspondence from parent/guardian(s) about their experiences at McAdam Avenue School. Appreciation was given to the dedicated school staff and the small school community that has had a positive impact in the lives of their children.
- These presentation along with other documents supporting this study can be found on our website <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/sustainability/Pages/McAdamavenue.aspx>
- The final meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 24, 2019** at Fredericton High School, Tom Morrison Theatre.
- Three outcomes included in Policy 409 are to remain status quo (where the study is declared finished), to make a recommendation to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to invest in repairs for the school, and thirdly, a recommendation to build a new school and close McAdam Avenue School and combine with Nashwaaksis Memorial School for students continued education.

➤ **DEC Questions:**

- Councilor Hogan congratulated the school community on their successes and the great presentations provided tonight. Councilor Hogan also acknowledged the dedication and hard work of staff members, which was clearly evident in the lives of the students shown in the video tonight.
- Councilor Buckley commented on the theme of the PSSC Chairpersons presentation and a request to “think outside of the box”. Councilor Buckley made the audience aware that a lot of time, including travel time from the Northern communities in ASD-W, and the work reviewing the presentations and school data has been done and will continue to be done from now until the third meeting in January prior to making such a big decision on the outcome of the 4 city schools being studied in Fredericton.
- A community member commented that they know the numbers are low but that small schools are the answer.

➤ **Closing Comments:**

- Kimberley Douglass thanked everyone for attending meeting #2 and for their presentations.

➤ **The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**